

Discussion Questions for *Those Who Favor Fire* by Lauren Wolk

1. Did you like the book? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. Did you like the characters? Did you find them believable? Who was your favorite? Least favorite? Most and least believable?
3. Did you find the dialog in the story realistic?
4. What did you think of the plot line development? How credible did the author make the plot? Did the plot take turns you did not expect, or did you find it predictable?
5. The novel is divided into three books. Each begins with a quotation. [Read aloud.] Did you read them? How does each relate to the section of the book that follows?
6. How well does Rachel know herself? What about Just Joe? How does the author use point of view and tone to develop their characters?
7. What has Rachel learned about life and love by the end of the novel? Have the obstacles she's overcome made her stronger or wiser?
8. Do you think Wolk's portrait of the town is accurate? What aspects of Belle Haven and its residents ring true to you?
9. There is a town in Pennsylvania, Centralia, with a similar story to Belle Haven's. Does anyone know anything about Centralia?
10. Why do you think the author called the book *Those Who Favor Fire*?
11. Any comments about the way the book ended?
12. Are there any questions you would like to ask?